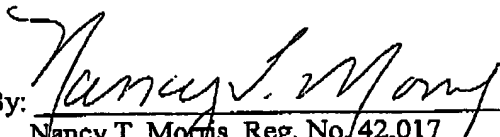


### REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 23-32 have been amended herein in accordance with the requirements for restriction set forth by the Examiner. Claims 7-22 have been canceled, without prejudice, as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 33 and 34 have been added to more specifically claim the invention. It is believed that none of these amendments constitute new matter and their entry is requested.

In the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, the Examiner restricted the claims into Groups I-XII. Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group IV for examination. As a species of peptide, Applicant elects the peptide Phe-Gly-Leu-Met-NH<sub>2</sub> set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Claims 1-6 and 23-32, and new claims 33 and 34 read thereon. This election is made without traverse.

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